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In re Application of:)
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JIRO MORIYAMA, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2853
Appln. No.: Unassigned (Divisional of)
: Appln. No. 08/511,230 filed)
: August 4, 1995)
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: For: INK JET PRINTING METHOD AND) February 19, 2002
: APPARATUS)



Commissioner for Patents
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Examiner is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Each of the documents has been cited in parent Application No. 08/511,230. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of the cited documents are not being provided herewith.

US '124, US '262, US '600, US '359, US '333, US '577, US '129, US '796, JP '486, JP '733, JP '847, JP '396, JP '992, JP '862, JP '670, JP '461, JP '260 and JP '185 were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed January 4, 1996, in the parent

application. These documents are discussed at page 3-6 and 123-127 of the original specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

JP '725, DE '495, JP '284, JP '971, JP '085, EP '634 and EP '135 were cited in a Second Information Disclosure Statement filed July 24, 1996 and were listed in an Official Letter of a corresponding Australian application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Official Letter is included for the Examiner's convenience.

JP '756, JP '450 and EP '849 were cited in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed May 22, 1997 and were listed in a Search Report of a corresponding European application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Search Report is included for the Examiner's convenience.

US '160, US '627, US '538, EP '313 and JP '755 were cited in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed June 13, 1997 and were listed in Search and Examination Reports by the Austrian Patent Office in a corresponding foreign application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Search and Examination Reports is included for the Examiner's convenience.

An English translation of an Official Letter of a corresponding Korean application was cited in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed August 21, 1998. The Official Letter cites the Abstract for Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 1-114450, which was already of record having been cited in the Supplemental

Information Disclosure Statement filed May 22, 1997, in the parent application. The Examiner might find this document relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the English translation of the Official Letter is included for the Examiner's convenience.

An Australian Examiner's Report of a corresponding Australian application was cited in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed April 21, 1999. The documents listed in the Examiner's Report were previously cited in the Second Information Disclosure Statement filed July 24, 1996, and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed May 22, 1997 in the parent application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Australian Examiner's Report is included for the Examiner's convenience.

An Australian Office Action of a corresponding Australian application was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed July 23, 2001. The Office Action cites documents previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed July 24, 1996 and May 2, 1997 in the parent application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Australian Examiner's Report is included for the Examiner's convenience.

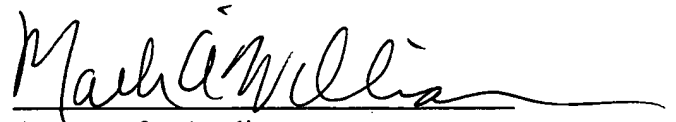
US '969 was cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated November 7, 2000, in the parent application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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